2. Government have set up a Nodal Agency to examine sick textile mills in order to ascertain whether they are potentially viable or not. The Nodal Agency evolves and oversees the implementation of the rehabilitation packages in respect of potentially viable units. A Textile Modernisation Fund has also been set up to provide assistance to the industry to enable it to modernise itself. A Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund has also been set up to provide financial assistance to the workers of those mills which closed down permanently on or after 6th June, 1985.

Talks with Bangladesh on T.N.V. Extremists

*122. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent statement of Bangladesh Foreign Minister to the effect that till now there had been no coperation between India and Bangladesh about Tripura National Volunteers and that India had never sought their assistance in tackling T.N.V. extremism; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction to the said assertion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of any such statement having been made by the Bangladesh Foreign Minister.

Closed textile mills in Bombay

*123. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of closed textile mills in Bombay has increased recently;

(b) if so, what was the number of closed textile mills at the end of December, 1986 and as on 1st July, 1987; and

(c) what are Government's proposals to protect the interests of workers in these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The number of closed cotton textile mills in Bombay at the end of December, 1986 and on 1st July, 1987 was 3 and 5 respectively.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Government have set up a Nodal Agency to ascertain the viability or otherwise of sick textile mills. The Nodal Agency evolves and manages rehabilitation packages in respect of those mills which are found to be potentially viable. Mills found to be non-viable may have to close down permanently. The workers of those mills which close down permanently on or after 6th June, 1985 will be eligible for financial assistance under the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme. A Textile Modernisation Fund has also been set up to provide financial assistance for the modernisation needs of textile mills.

Attacks on Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy

*125. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Indian fishermen were attacked by the Sri Lankan Navy since the outbreak of ethnic crisis in Sri Lanka along with the dates of such incidents;

(b) how many Indian fishermen were killed/injured in each such incident;